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SUBJ: US-NETHERLANDS CIVIL AVIATION RELATIONS:

SECRETARY KISSINGER'S COMMENTS IN HIS

FEBRUARY 9 TV INTERVIEW

DEPARTMENT REPEAT ADDITIONALLY AS DESIRED

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S TRANSCRIPTION OF AUDIO
TAPE OF THE SECRETARY'S INTERVIEW WITH THE NETHERLANDS
BROADCASTING FOUNDATION (NOS), WHICH WAS SCREENED ON
THE PANORAMIEK PROGRAM ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 9.
(SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS, THE
MIDDLE EAST AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS
WERE CARRIED IN THE FEBRUARY 10 WIRELESS FILE.)

BEGIN QUOTE:

Q: AND JUST ONE MORE QUESTION, MR. SECRETARY. ARGUING
AS A DUTCHMAN AND IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HOLLAND
AND THE UNITED STATES, THERE IS ONE PROBLEM THAT CON-
CERNS OUR FOREIGN POLICY: THAT THE UNITED STATES
MIGHT CURTAIL OUR FLAG AIRLINE, KLM. IS THERE ANY
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SOLUTION?

A: WELL, I HAVE HAD EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER ON THE SUBJECT, AND I HAVE SEEN FEW SUBJECTS WHICH HAVE SO MOVED THE DUTCH AS THE ISSUE OF KLM SO HE ISN'T THE ONLY DUTCHFRIEND WHO HAS APPROACHED ME. THE PROBLEM IS THAT, LOOKED AT FROM A STRICTLY TECHNICAL POINT OF VIEW, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE MERIT IN THE VIEW OF OUR TECHNICAL AGENCIES. YOUR LEADERS HAVE CONVINCED ME THAT IT IS NOT SIMPLY A TECHNICAL ISSUE AND I HAVE THEREFORE AGREED TO REOPEN THE NEGOTIATIONS FROM A WIDER PERSPECTIVE, AND WHILE THEY ARE GOING ON, I DON'T WANT TO DISCUSS THE OUTCOME EXCEPT TO SAY THAT I PERSONALLY AM AWARE OF THE PARTICULAR SENSITIVITY OF THE KLM ISSUE TO THE NETHERLANDS AND THAT I WILL CONDUCT MY DISCUSSIONS ON IT WITH YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. VAN DER STOEL, WITH A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE. AND I CONSIDER HIM IN ANY EVENT A GOOD FRIEND AND A COURAGEOUS MAN.

Q: ANYWAY, IT IS SOME KIND OF DETENTE BETWEEN THE UNTIED STATES AND HOLLAND.
END QUOTE.
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